

**Agricultural Burn Permit**

Please Note: This Schematic is only for counties for which Ecology is the air authority. If your project is located within Benton, Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Whatcom, or Yakima County, the local air authority has jurisdiction.



Application Phase

**Applicant**  
**Start**

**Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology)**  
**or**  
**Local Permitting Authority**

**Public or Other Interested Party**

Is the burn considered Agricultural Burning?  
*Please see WAC 173-430-030(1)*

**Yes** **No**

Please contact Ecology or your Local Clean Air Agency with questions about which permit application you may need.

Does the applicant meet the definition of a "farmer"? *Please see WAC 173-430-030(2) and (7)*

**Yes** **No**

Please refer to back to WAC 173-430-030(2) and (7) to determine who would be the appropriate applicant. Contact the permitting authority with additional questions.

**Applicant** contacts the permitting authority to determine if a permit is required

**Yes** **No**

**Applicant** obtains forms from the web or contacts the permitting authority

**Applicant** submits a complete Agricultural Burn Application with the permit fee to the permitting authority

Agricultural waste to be burned is limited to orchard prunings, natural vegetation along fence lines, irrigation and drainage ditches, creek banks, or natural vegetation blown by the wind

**No Agricultural Burn Permit Required**

The local fire protection authority and/or dispatch must be notified prior to igniting any fire, even if the Agricultural Burn permit is not required

**Permitting Authority** reviews the application for completeness and eligibility

**Incomplete** **Not Eligible** **Complete**

**Denied**

Applicant receives a checklist explaining the denial

Has the need to burn and the lack of an alternative been documented?

**No** **Yes**

**Approved**

**Permitting Authority issues Agricultural Burn Permit**  
*Please contact permitting authority for valid burn dates*

**Applicant** may apply for a refund if available. *Please note: refund request deadlines vary. Contact the permitting authority for the most current information*

**Burner** follows all permit conditions and conducts burn

Was any acreage not burned?

**No** **Yes**

Burn process complete

**Applicant** may be eligible for a refund. *Please note: Refund request deadlines vary. Contact the permitting authority for the most current information*

**B**

**Applicant** may appeal the delegated authority's decision to Ecology

**Ecology** issues a decision

**Denied**

**Approved**

Applicant receives a denial listing why the application was denied.

**Applicant** may apply for a refund if available. *Please note: Refund request deadlines vary. Contact the permitting authority for the most current information*

**B**

**Applicant** can appeal Ecology decision to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB). *Please note: consider talking directly to Ecology prior to appealing to the PCHB to possibly resolve issues without the formal appeal process*

Must be filed within 30 Days of agency decision

Decision should be reached within 1 week of receiving a complete application

**Legend:**

**(A)** =Hyperlink

**→** =Progression

**→** =Revision

**.....▶** =Optional

For more information on this or any permitting process visit <http://www.ora.wa.gov> or call the Washington State Office of Regulatory Assistance at (800) 917-0043.